

REMARKS

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1 - 6, 8 - 16, 18 - 21, and newly added dependent claim 22. Claims 7 and 17 have been canceled.

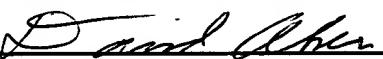
The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 7 - 9 and 17 - 19.

By amendment herein, the recitations of allowable claim 7 have been included in claim 1 and in claim 21. A portion of claim 21 not needed in claim 21 has been moved to claim 22, which depends from claim 21. Further, the recitations of allowable claim 17 have been included in claim 11.

In view of the above amendments, all of the claims are now directed to patentable subject matter. Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If there is any remaining issue that needs to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone, with a view to resolving such issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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